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IN REPLY QUESTION HOUSE COMMONS TODAY BY LIBERAL LEADER PEARSON WHETHER CANADA REPRESENTED BY OBSERVER AT OAS MEETING YESTERDAY AND WHETHER GOVT PLANNED TO ASSOCIATE CANADA WITH UNANIMOUS OAS RESOLUTION ENDORSING US POLICY RE CUBA, PRIMIN REPLIED CANADA DID NOT HAVE OBSERVER AND WOULD BE PRESUMPTION COMMENT ON ORGANIZATION OF WHICH CANADA NOT MEMBER.

TO LATER QUESTION BY NDP HOWARD WHETHER CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO JOINING OAS, PRIMIN REPLIED HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY BEYOND THAT SAID PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, AND CANADIAN MEMBERSHIP IRRELEVANT TO "DESIRABLE END ALL OF US HAVE IN MIND."

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